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June 16, 2015


The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

45 June 16, 2015


PATRICK OZAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE SERVICE CONTRACT
COUNTYWIDE CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2015-16
PRIORITY A AND B CATCH BASINS
IN VARIOUS CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve and advertise the project to provide Countywide cleanout of catch basins in various cities and unincorporated communities, find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the specifications, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Countywide Catch Basin Cleanout 2015-16, Priority A and B Catch Basins, in various cities and unincorporated communities, at an estimated maintenance cost between \$155,000 and \$180,000.

3. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on July 7, 2015, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
4. Delegate to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; and (2) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to approve and advertise the project, adopt the specifications, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to carry out this project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by reducing the potential of flooding due to plugged catch basins and preventing debris from entering the receiving waters.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated maintenance cost to complete this project is in the range of \$155,000 to \$180,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$190,000. In addition to the maintenance cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of specifications, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County of Los Angeles services.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This cleanout contract is one of six cleanout contracts administered annually to comply with the requirements for municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) discharges within the coastal watersheds of the County. The cleanout includes both city and County catch basins. Under the program, some basins are cleaned twice a year and some four times a year, depending on their location. The requests for the six contracts are made at various times throughout the year due to the location, nature, and timing of the work. This contract will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 60 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in November 2015 and be completed in March 2016.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsection (e) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the cleaning of catch basins.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Board will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing cleaner catch basins and waterways.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)